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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case Docket No. 8141

In the Application of

Inventor(s): MATTHEW JOSEPH DOYLE, ET AL.

Serial No. : 09/607,602

Date Filed: June 30, 2000

Title: PROMOTING WHOLE BODY HEALTH

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: A. DeCloux

Confirmation No. 8543

## RESPONSE UNDER § 1.111

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2001 and having a period for response of three months thereafter, please consider the amendments and remarks herein.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a three-month extension of time needed for timely response to the instant Office Action on the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. Submitted herewith is authorization to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

The following amendments to the claims are herein made without prejudice.

Cancel Claim 1. Cancel Claims 5 and 6, which are withdrawn from further consideration by the

Examiner.

2. A method for promoting whole body health in human and other animal subjects comprising topically administering to said subjects' oral cavity a topical oral composition comprising a safe and effective amount of a host-response modulating agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable oral carrier, wherein said host-response modulating agent is a H2-antagonist.